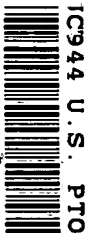


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Attorney Docket No.	5572.1 413440/021
First Inventor	Catherine O'Neill
Title	A Resealable Tab for a Lid of a Drinking Cup
Express Mail Label No.	EL596400227US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **34**]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
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  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
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116 390	216 195	Extension for reply within second month	
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